SENATE BILL 2639 By Burks

AN ACT to designate State Route 111 in Putnam County as the "Veterans Memorial Parkway".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

WHEREAS, since the birth of our great nation, hundreds of thousands of brave

American men and women have served their country in the armed forces and many continue
this legacy of service today, defending the most inviolate principles of human freedom and
democracy; and

WHEREAS, this meritorious service continues the time-honored tradition of Tennessee volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, from Valley Forge to Kuwait, to the present war-torn lands of Bosnia, our armed forces have unselfishly paid the price of freedom for their friends and families, and for all of us; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that we should honor those courageous men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives to preserve the blessed freedoms we enjoy today and that our progeny will hopefully continue to cherish for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, the intrepid and valiant members of the United States armed forces have continued to inspire our confidence, loyalty and support; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Commission, leaders of Putnam County veterans' organizations, and various other citizens of the community feel that the name of a certain route should honor and recognize all those brave sons and daughters of Putnam County who gave

their lives so that we might enjoy the many bounties of democracy and the American way of life; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, that segment of State Route 111 within Putnam County from the Putnam County-Overton County boundary southward to the Putnam County-White County boundary, including the northern loop of such route, is hereby designated as the "Veterans Memorial Parkway" in honor of the many veterans from Putnam County who have served their country from the American Revolution to Bosnia, in times of war and peace.

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable markers or to affix suitable signs so designating State Route 111 in Putnam County as the "Veterans Memorial Parkway".

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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